Chara COMICS

ANIMAL X

アニマルエックス

「荒神の一族」

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杉本亜未

「終わりにするわ、何もかも――」自分の最後の戦いを仕掛けてくる摩耶。生きることの意味を知った奏は、敵と望みに応じる〈血族〉の運命、悲しい摩耶の歪んだ想いは、凄まじい炎の残された裕司　その身体には、あ彼らニ人の行く手に、待ち受けるも

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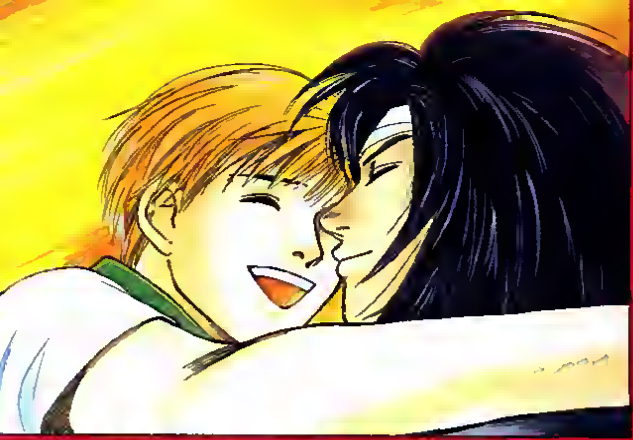

story so far:

Lab assistant and scientific guinea pig Ayukawa Yuuji was kidnapped from his dull existance by the Dinosauroid youth Asaba Minato. Yuuji, a bio-engineered hermaphrodite, is central to plans to change the world as we know it. Together, the two travelled first to Minato's village in the Tohoku Region only to be followed by Doctor Tadokoro's hired army, led by the vicious Northern Dinosauroid Maya. Minato's village was burned to the ground and the two had no choice but to continue to Okinawa, where another village of Dinosauroids tried to protect them from falling into the clutches of Tadokoro and Maya.

Finally they were forced to flee the island for the safety of those living there. After delivering documents key to the history of those of the blood to Researcher and Writer Hiratsuka Akio, Yuuji and Minato find themselves trapped in an abandoned oil refinery with Maya and her henchmen closing in on all sides. In their fear and desperation, Yuuji and Minato finally become mates in every sense of the word, but it may already be too late for them... and for the human race as we know it...

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ANIMAL X
AMI SUGIMOTO

SFX: WIND

DON'T LEAVE MY SIDE...
I'VE EXAMINED THE INTERIOR LAYOUT OF THE REFINERY
IN THE VERY CENTER IS WHAT APPEARS TO BE A MINE SHAFT WITH A LIFT SYSTEM
THE CIRCUIT SEEMS TO BE CONNECTED THROUGH THE WAREHOUSE ATTATCHED TO THIS FACTORY

CONVERGE SLOWLY ON THE CENTRAL SHAFT AND THEN WORK YOUR WAY DOWN TO THE UNDER-GROUND LEVEL
WITH YOU IN POSITION I SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO HANDLE IT BY MYSELF DON'T FOLLOW ME
?
MAYA
WHAT ARE YOU PLANN-ING?
I'M GOING TO END THIS
COME WHAT MAY

BYUUUUUUU
FOOT-STEPS!!
I CAN HEAR THEM ON THE WIND! I THINK HE'S ARE THAT GUY'S STILL IN HIS HUMAN FORM
WE HAVE TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE CAN TRANS-FORM!!
DON'T KILL THE FEMALE!!
N
BAKI
ZAA
SWING

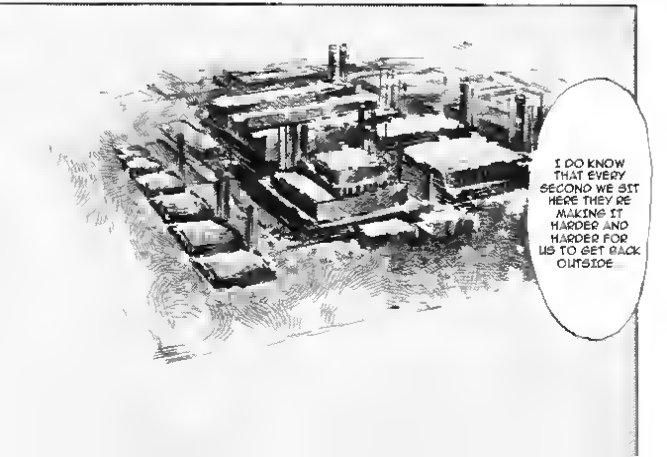
DOKAA
SWING
NOW I'VE GOT YOU------!!
BAKII
!

piece of cake
HEEHEE ONE DOWN
DON'T MOVE SO SUDDENLY!!! THIS PLACE ECHOES LIKE A CAVERN THEY'LL HEAR US!
DON'T LET THEM SHAKE YOU!! KEEP HEADED TOWARD YOUR GOAL
THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE FIGHTING SKIRMISHES OR THEIR TERMS. ONLY FIGHT AS A LAST RESORT
AND STAY IN PAIRS
HEY DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING JUST NOW?
NO, JUST THE WIND
??

GARAGARAGARA
UWA UWA
UWAAA
O-OVER HERE
AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE NORTHEAST FACTORY
HOW'S IT GOIN', BROTHER?
ASARAA
DOKAA
BOKA

HYOOOOOOO
IT'S A TRAP
IT SOUNDED LIKE SOMETHING FELL
THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF THEM. THEY CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE AT ONCE
EVERYONE HOLD YOUR POSITIONS
WHAT NOW?
IT'S SIMPLE. WE JUST NEED TO STAY OUR HAND
UNTIL WE GAIN OUR NATURAL ADVANTAGE

IN ANY CASE I HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY THERE ARE OR WHAT DIRECTION THEY'RE COMING FROM
I WONDER
BUT----
THINK THEY'VE REALIZED?
IF THEY DON'T MOVE I CAN'T EVEN SMELL THEM
IT'S LIKE THESE GUYS BLEND INTO THE WALLS


I DO KNOW THAT EVERY SECOND WE SIT HERE THEY'RE MAKING IT HARDER AND HARDER FOR US TO GET BACK OUTSIDE

!
TH

THE WIND STOPPED?

ONE OF THE PECULIARITIES OF THIS REGION'S CLIMATE
ALL OF THE PREDATORS FROM THIS REGION KNOW IT WELL-----
EVERY SOUND YOU MAKE
EVERY SCENT. EVERY MOVE
NOW, JUST TRY AND RUN FROM ME, MINATO

THOSE GUYS ARE ALREADY TOO CLOSE!!
HOW-EVER WE CAN AT THIS POINT!!
HOW ARE WE GONNA GET OUT OF HERE?!
!?

forwa
!
DON'T MOVE, ASAGA

PUNCH
BRAT!!
HMPH. I'LL TEACH YOU TO MESS WITH MY BROTHERS...
DOSA!
MINATO!!
JESUS MAN, DON'T KILL HIM!!
SAVE SOME FOR THE OTHER GUYS
BIND HIS HANDS LIKE I TOLD YOU!!!

WANNA WATCH ME BREAK HIM?
OR I'LL FUCK THIS ONE UP IN FRONT OF YOU
BETTER CALM DOWN SON
STOP IT!!
SHUT UP. I'M NOT PLAYING HERE!!
...!!
YUU...
TRY AND TRANSFORM
IF YOU DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS ONE!!

SHUT UP!
THIS HAS BELONGED TO US RIGHTFULLY ALL ALONG!!
YUUJI'S NOT A THING TO BE OWNED!!
YEAH YOU'D BEST KEEP QUIET, BITCH!
YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU. WE'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING A LOT BETTER THAN THAT BRAT EVER COULD
HUSH
YUUJI!!
!!

YEAH GET ON WITH IT MAN
HURRY UP AND GET ON WITH IT. I WANT TO MATE HIM AFTER
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE'VE HAD A WOMAN?
ケ!
ケ

DEHI?!?!

CLONK!!
!?
!!
SPRAY

MINA-TOO!!
CLOSE YOUR EYES!!
punch!
punch!
WAWAA
BASTARD!!
G----

SFX TONK
HOLY SHIT THAT WAS INCREDIBLE YUUJI!!
LET'S GO!! HURRY!!
TH- THEY GOT AWAY!!
THEY'RE HEADED FOR THE EAST WARE-HOUSE
cough cough

MINATO, YOU'RE HURT!
IT'S NOTHING
BUT YOU'RE BLEEDING----
I'M GOING MYSELF
THE EASTERN WARE-HOUSE.. IF THEY'RE NOT MIS-TAKEN
INTERESTING, ISN'T IT? THEY STILL HAVEN'T BEEN CAUGHT
MAY!
YUUJI, LOOK
THE ENTRANCE TO THE BASEMENT LEVEL
FROM HERE ON, WE'VE GOT NOWHERE LEFT TO RUN BUT THERE!

THOSE GUYS WERE HERDING US HERE ALL ALONG!!
THIS IS IT. IT'S A TRAP!
I BET----

MAYA----

WHY HAVE YOU CHASED US HERE?

!
THE BASEMENT LEVEL IS OLD FILLED WITH ASH, OIL AND COAL---- IT'S PROBABLY A TINDERBOX WAITING TO GO UP
IF WE GO DOWN THERE THEY'RE AT AS MUCH OF A DISAD-VANTAGE AS WE ARE
SO THAT'S IT, SHE----
SHE W. NTS TO KILL ME!!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE GUYS WILL DO TO YOU
SO WHEN IT'S TIME TO SPLIT UP---
YOU GET OUT OF HERE ALONE
!
BUT THERE'S LOTS OF WAYS TO FIGHT THEM! WE'VE GOT THEM AT A DISAD-VANTAGE SO-----
IF WE SPLIT UP WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO YOU?!
IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO THROW ME AWAY HERE WHY DID YOU MAKE LOVE TO ME AT ALL?!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME
AS LONG AS YOU MAKE IT OUT OF HERE ALRIGHT
YUUJI..
MINATO
MINATO
I'VE FINALLY GOT YOU CORNERED

WE MIGHT END UP NEEDING NARROW PLACES LIKE THIS
IT'S ALMOST LIKE I CAN HEAR THEM BREATHING DOWN OUR NECKS
JUST MORE MICE
IT'LL BE HARD FOR THEM TO TRANSFORM, AND IMPOSSIBLE TO MANUEVER IF THEY DO
I KNOW... THAT IT CAN'T END HERE
BECAUSE UP UNTIL NOW WE'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH ALREADY
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM?
AND IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE EMPTY-HANDED

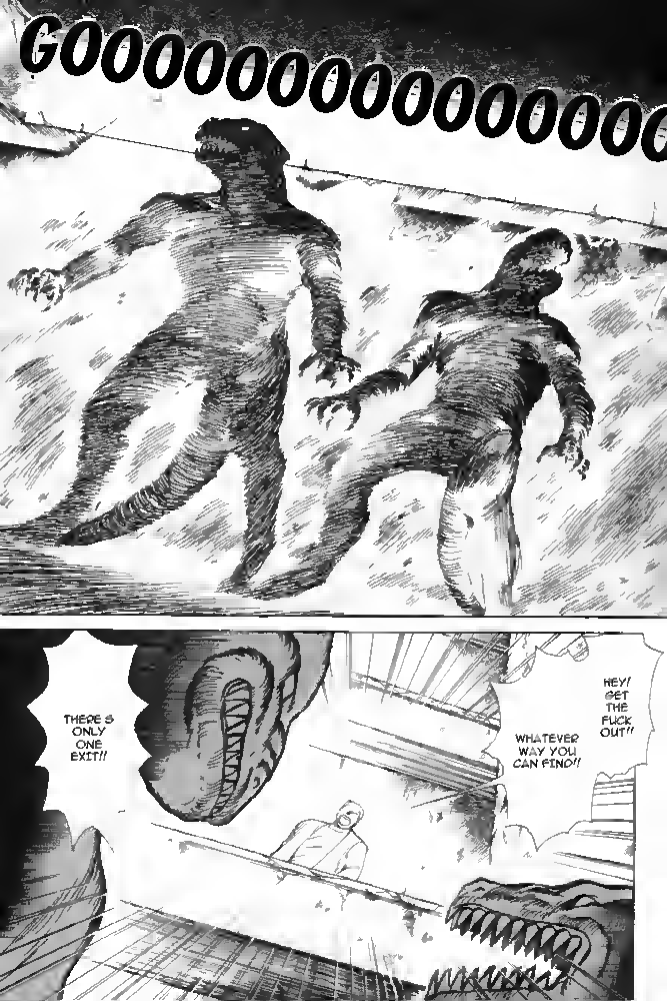
GAA
BANG!
!!
DO
SA!

BAA
YUUJI... THERE IS ANOTHER ONE!!
!!
BANG

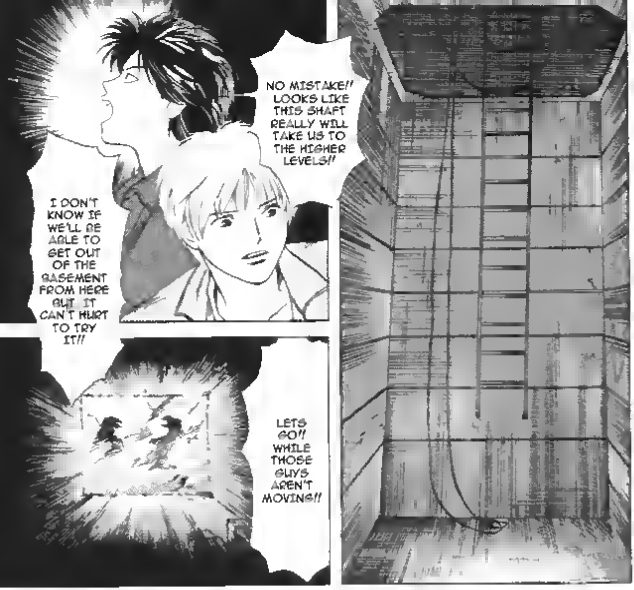
MINA-TO!!
THE KEROSENE!! OPEN IT!!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?!
JUST DO IT!!
HEY!! IF WE DO THAT!!
CLICK
THROW IT IN THE CENTER!!
BANG!
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? I'M NOT GIVING UP HERE!!

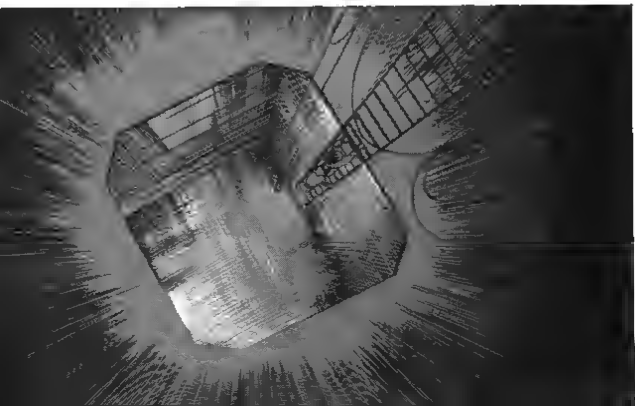
I'M GOING TO FIGHT UNTIL ALL HOPE IS GONE!!
ALRIGHT
SO HURRY!!
splash
BOOOM
BANG

!
GOOOO
THESE GUYS DON'T SEEM TO WANT TO DIE BY FIRE!!
BUT WHERE CAN THEY GO TO ESCAPE IT
HEY WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING THERE?!
IF YOU GUYS JUST KEEP LETTING THEM LIGHT FIRES DOWN THERE THE WHOLE PLACE WILL GO UP!!
IT'LL BLOW!!


GOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
THERE'S ONLY ONE EXIT!!
WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN FIND!!
HEY! GET THE FUCK OUT!!

THE SMOKE'S GOT TO BE GETTING OUT SOME-HOW
YUUJI...
IF WE CAN BREAK THROUGH SOME-HOW...
BEFORE THE SMOKE GETS TOO THICK!!
IT'S JUST A HUNCH BUT... I THINK IT MIGHT BE ESCAPING THROUGH A HOLE OVER THERE!!
WHEN I WAS LOOKING AROUND BEFORE THERE WAS ONE PLACE I DIDN'T CHECK BUT COULD IT BE?
IT COULD HAVE BEEN A SHAFT LEADING BACK ABOVE GROUND!
EEH?


NO MISTAKE!! LOOKS LIKE THIS SHAFT REALLY WILL TAKE US TO THE HIGHER LEVELS!!
I DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THE BASEMENT FROM HERE BUT IT CAN'T HURT TO TRY IT!!
LETS GO!! WHILE THOSE GUYS AREN'T MOVING!!



GWAAR
!
MINATO!!
INSIDE THE C-61 THERE'S A GRENADE!!
?
?
PULL THE PIN!!
THROW IT BELOW!
TOSS

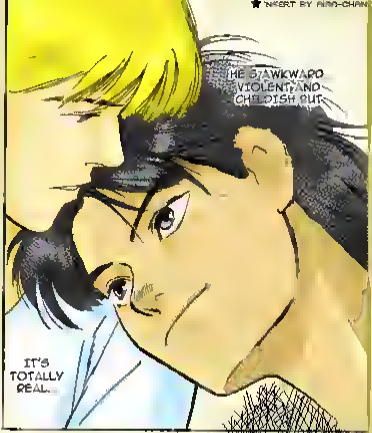
KABOOM
!!

---IF WE REALLY DO GET OUT OF HERE....
WHAT WILL WE DO? MINATO.....
---NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT. BUT AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU ANYTHING'S FINE WITH ME

NOT HAVE ANY MORE OF THAT!!
WE'VE SEEN ENOUGH HATRED, HURT
AND BLOOD-SHED... SO LET'S

I CAN SEE IT!
THE EXIT!!

dokidoki


INSERT BY AIKO-CHAN
HE'S AWKWARD VIOLENT AND CHILDISH BUT
IT'S TOTALLY REAL...

SFX: CLUNK!!
COME ON!
THIS PLACE
ISN'T THE SAME EXIT WE WERE AT BEFORE IS IT?
EH?
!!

ANIMAL X
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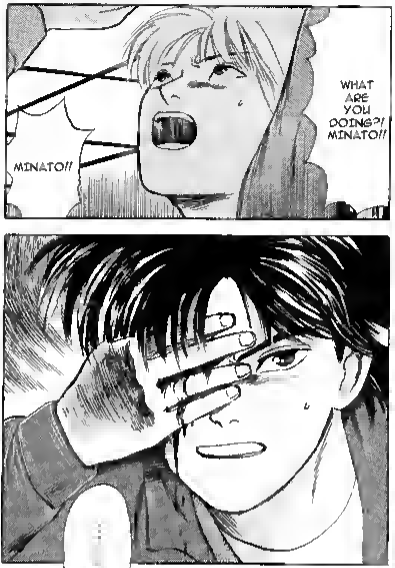
HYOOO!
DOSU
!!
CLATTER
MINATO!?
STAY BACK!! YUUJI!!


MINATO!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! MINATO!!
MINATO!!
GAKI
IT'S AMAZING THE POWER OF THE MOST PURE OF THE BLOOD. ISN'T IT-----
I WANT TO BE THE LAST
...

IF YOU DON'T KILL ME, I'LL SHRED YOU TO PIECES
SO STAND!! MINATO!!
MAYA

IF YOU CAN'T HAVE AT ME
I HAVE TO DO THIS
DON'T I, MAYA
THE FIGHTING WILL NEVER END WILL IT?

BUT I CAN END THIS!!

MINATO!!

NOW WE CAN FINALLY BECOME ONE!!

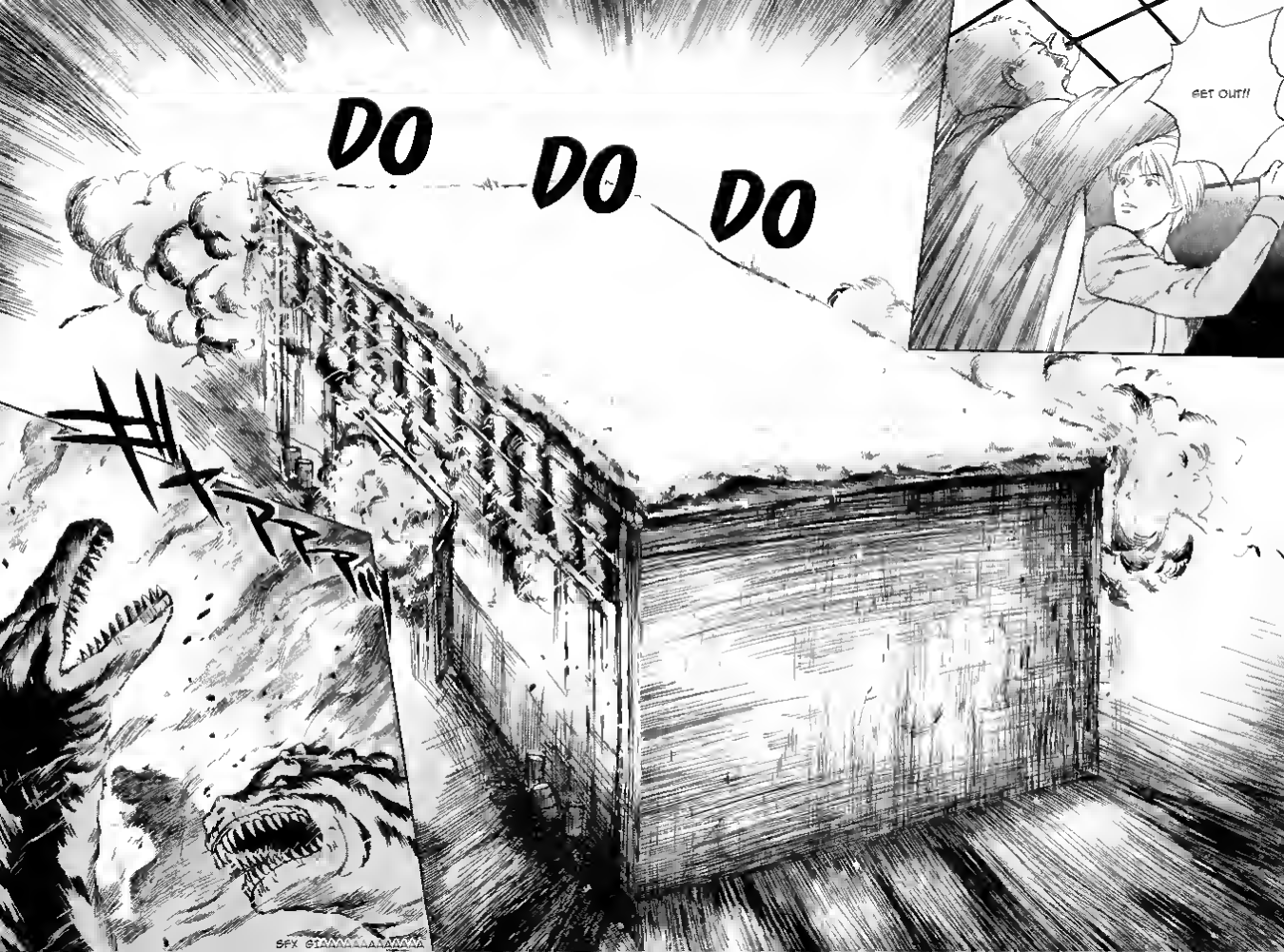
BAA
BAKI
BAKII

GAUUUUU
MINATO!!
GUAAAAAA

!
SHHHH
HE SAVED YOUR LIFE!!
ONCE THEY CROSS HER, NO ONE SURVIVES!!
BISHH!!

GAA
ZAA
IT'S GONNA BLOW!
RUN!!

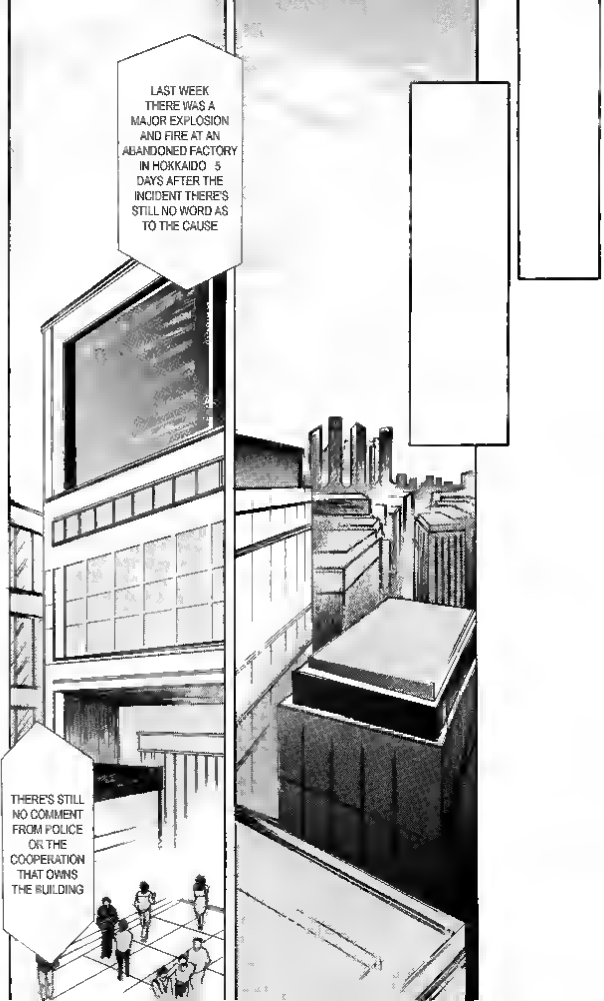
FUCK!!
!
DODODO
GOGOGOGO


DO DO DO
GET OUT!!
SFX GIAAAAAAAAAAAAA

COCOCOCO
BAAA
BOOM!!
GO
GO
GO
GO....

MINATO...?

HEY! BE CAREFUL!
MINATO!!


LAST WEEK THERE WAS A MAJOR EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT AN ABANDONED FACTORY IN HOKKAIDO 5 DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT THERE'S STILL NO WORD AS TO THE CAUSE
THERE'S STILL NO COMMENT FROM POLICE OR THE COOPERATION THAT OWNS THE BUILDING

THIS MORNING AT 11AM, ENDOU CHEMICAL'S STOCK SHOT THROUGH THE ROOF
THIS FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT WHICH GIVES GOVERNMENT APPROVAL TO THEIR RESEARCH INTO A CURE FOR THE ELUSIVE "X SYNDROME"
ALL OTHER STOCKS ARE DOWN THIS MORNING--
TIME
IS IT TRUE? THAT BOOK?
WHAT? THE INTERPRETATION OF THAT OLD OKINAWAN PROPHECY--?
I CAN'T REALLY SAY IF IT'S ACCURATE OR NOT BUT
IT'S WRITTEN BY A COLLEGE RESEARCHER ISN'T IT--?
IT'S POSSIBLE I SUPPOSE THAT STORY ABOUT THE ABUSE OF NATURE CERTAINLY RINGS TRUE----

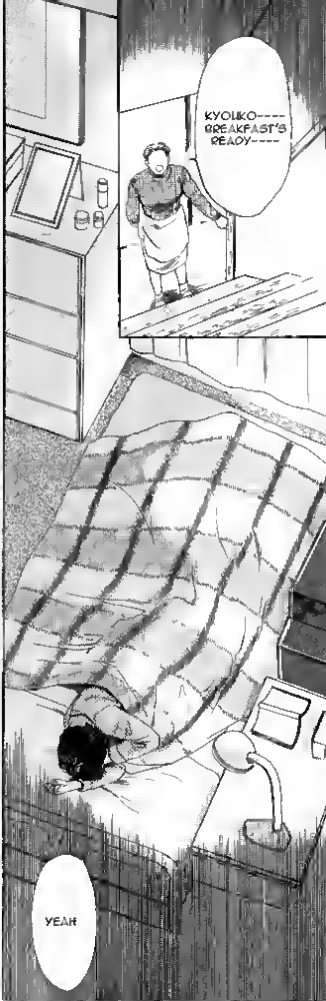
WHAT, ANOTHER SUICIDE?
HURRY UP WE'LL BE LATE FOR WORK

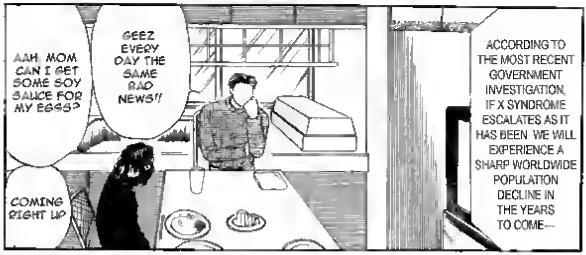
PRAY NOW!! BEFORE THE JUDGEMENT DAY!!
THIS IS OUR PUNISHMENT FOR RAPING THE NATURAL WORLD!!

FUU
Hyh

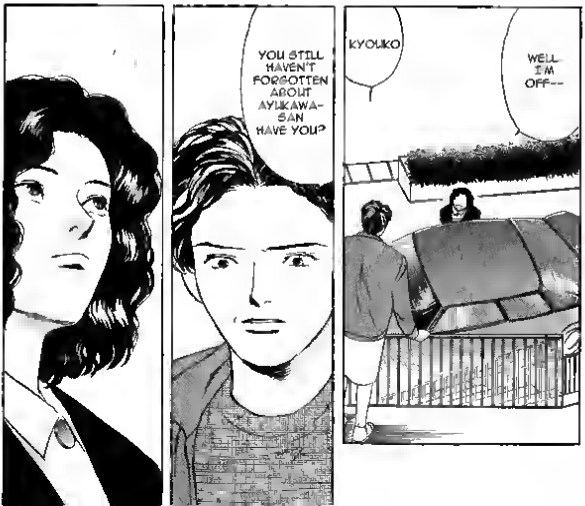
I GUESS I WAS DREAMING ABOUT YUUCHAN AGAIN

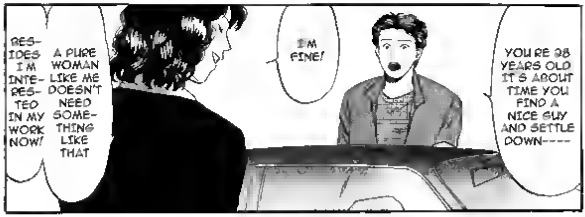
AAH TOAST! WE NEVER HAVE TOAST!
THAT'S RIGHT— BUT I THOUGHT BREAD WOULD BE A NICE CHANGE

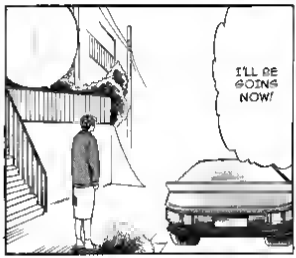

KYOUKO---- BREAKFAST'S READY----
YEAH


AAH, MOM, CAN I GET SOME SOY SAUCE FOR MY EGGS?
GEEZ EVERY DAY THE SAME BAD NEWS!!
COMING RIGHT UP
ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION, IF X SYNDROME ESCALATES AS IT HAS BEEN WE WILL EXPERIENCE A SHARP WORLDWIDE POPULATION DECLINE IN THE YEARS TO COME--

A BIT MORE RELAXING THAN ENDOU CHEMICAL IN ANY CASE
IT'S ALRIGHT
HOW WAS THE NEW OFFICE?


YOU STILL HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT AYUKAWA-SAN HAVE YOU?
KYOUKO
WELL I'M OFF--


YOU'RE 28 YEARS OLD IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU FIND A NICE GUY AND SETTLE DOWN----
I'M FINE!
A PURE WOMAN LIKE ME DOESN'T NEED SOMETHING LIKE THAT
BESIDES I'M INTERESTED IN MY WORK NOW!


I'LL BE GOING NOW!

GEEZ STILL AS TOMBOYISH AS EVER THAT KYOUKO
TAKES AFTER HER DAD

THEN HURRY UP AND FIND A WONDER DRUG FOR SYNDROME X!
WE'LL BE RICH THEN! AND MY NAME WILL GO DOWN IN THE HISTORY BOOKS

MEGURO-KU YANO MICRO-BIOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER
IN SHORT, THE VIRUS IS AN EXTREMELY DESTRUCTIVE TYPE BUT IT NEEDS A VECTOR TO HAVE INVADED THE HUMAN BODY INITI-ALLY---
BUT YOU'RE SAYING THE VIRUS DESTROYS BODY CELLS ONE BY ONE?
mumble
IT REALLY EXISTS THEN... A VIRUS OF THIS TYPE MIGHT BE ONE OF A KIND...
WE WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
AT THIS RATE, IT WOULD TAKE ONLY 50 YEARS TO ENTIRELY WIPE OUT HUMA-NITY---

I'VE NEVER MET A WOMAN WITH SO MUCH GUTS
YOU'VE GOT ME
SO YOU'RE READY TO JUST GIVE UP?
BUT IF WE DON'T ISOLATE THE SOURCE OF THE INFECTION THERE WILL BE WIDE-SPREAD PANIC--
HUMAN-KIND HAS TRIUMPHED OVER CHOLERA AND THE PLAGUE THE WILL TO OVERCOME IS THE LARGEST FACTOR BUT----
SORRY ABOUT THAT DID I DISAPPOINT YOU?
NO NOT AT ALL
INOUE-SAN WHEN YOU SAID THAT BACK THERE
YOU REMINDED ME OF SOMEONE WHO I KNEW BEFORE HE USED TO SAY THINGS LIKE THAT A LOT

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE FORM I WAS GIVEN.
IT'S ALL UP TO NATURE. THERE'S NO HELPING IT.
THIS IS JUST THE WAY I AM.
BUT I LIKE TO THINK THAT THERE'S NOTHING A MAN CAN DO THAT I CAN'T DO AT LEAST AS WELL. AND PROBABLY EVEN BETTER. I WANT TO DO MY BEST FOR THIS COMPANY.
BUT IN THE END--
I DO WONDER IF IT'S THE COMPANIES WORKING FOR HUMANITY OR HUMANITY WORKING FOR THE COMPANIES?
--- HOW ABOUT ANOTHER CUP OF COFFE?

ZA ZA ZA ZA

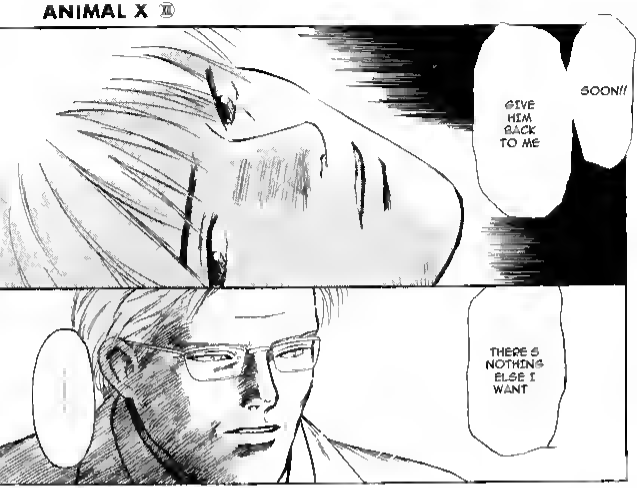
AND THIS AFTERNOON? HOW IS HE?
NO CHANGE BUT HIS MOOD STILL SEEMS TO BE FALTERING
WE'VE GOTTEN THE EXAMS BACK AND---
IT SEEMS HE'S ALREADY PREGNANT

IT'S BEEN AWHILE, HASN'T IT AYUKAWA-KUN
YOU CAN HEAR ME CAN'T YOU? IT'S TADOKORO...
.....
MY EXPERIMENT WAS A SUCCESS
YOU'RE PREGNANT
THE FATHER IS ASAHINA MINATO, ISN'T IT?

DON'T KNOW... A HUMAN MAN... A RAPIST...
ASUNA MINATO... AND THE OTHER?
"TWO"?
----COULD BE... THERE WERE TWO...

IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN BRING TO YOU? ANYTHING YOU WANT?
WELL I GUESS WE CAN TALK ABOUT THE DETAILS LATER
HOW LONG AGO?

MINATO...
PLEASE BRING MINATO HERE TO ME...
!


SOON!!
GIVE HIM BACK TO ME
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I WANT

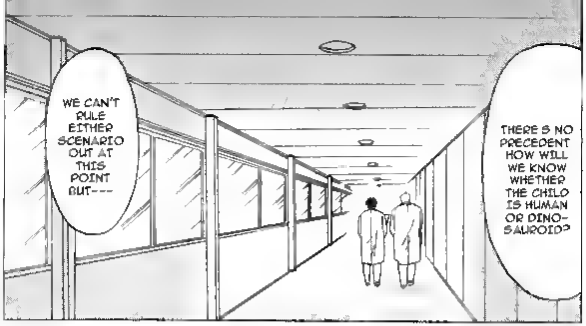
I CAN'T DO THAT HE'S DEAD
HE WAS CAUGHT IN THE EXPLOSION OF THE FACTORY WAREHOUSE WE'VE FOUND THE REMAINS

BATAN
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU
WHETHER OR NOT YOU CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IT, IT'S THE TRUTH
BUT EITHER WAY YOU BEAR NONE OF THE RESPONSI-BILITY SO YOU DON'T NEED TO TROUBLE YOURSELF WITH IT
THAT TIME YOUR LIPS

YOUR BARE SKIN
THEY'RE SO MUCH MORE REAL TO ME THAN ANYTHING THAT CAME BEFORE...
IF YOU WEREN'T HERE...
I FEEL LIKE I'D JUST DISAPPEAR TOO.

IS IT
YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN A DOG TO ME!!
SO YOU'RE "AYUKAWA" HUH?
"AYUKAWA" WHAT?
ALRIGHT IF I LOVE YOU YUUJI?

MINATO...


WE CAN'T RULE EITHER SCENARIO OUT AT THIS POINT BUT---
THERE'S NO PRECEDENT HOW WILL WE KNOW WHETHER THE CHILD IS HUMAN OR DINOSAUROID?

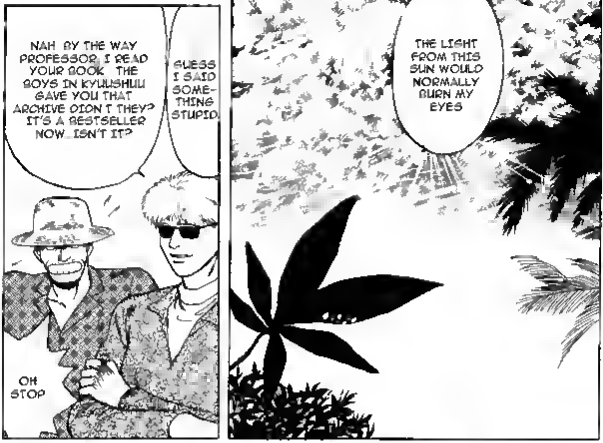
AYUKAWA-KUN NEEDS SOME DOWN-TIME
I KNOW

WITH A CHILD GROWING IN THE WOMB THE SECRETION OF FEMININE HORMONES IS LIKELY TO INCREASE HIS BODY WILL, IN TURN BECOME MORE AND MORE FEMININE
BUT THE FETUS IS ENTIRELY DEPENDANT ON THE MOTHER'S CONDITION IF THE MOTHER IS DE-PRESSED---

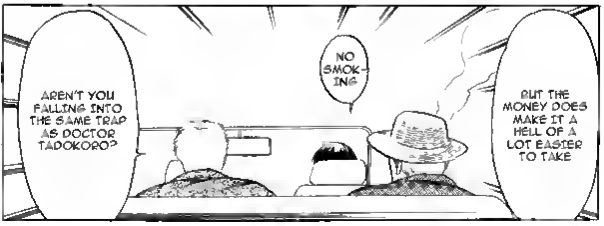
ABOUT 60% OF THE ISLAND'S SURFACE IS COVERED WITH VIRGIN RAIN-FOREST.
IN 1950 THE AMERICAN MILITARY USED IT AS A NUCLEAR TESTING GROUND. IT'S APPROXIMATELY 419 KM AROUND WITH AN AVERAGE TEMPERATURE OF 21 DEGREES.
UNLIKE BIKINI OR LONGE-RAPPE, THE TESTING SEEMS TO HAVE HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON THE ECO-SYSTEM
IT HAD FALLEN INTO NEGLECT AND W.S.A. FAIRLY SIMPLE PURCHASE FOR ENDOU CHEMICAL.

WHAT BEAUTIFUL ATMOSPHERE. I'M GLAD I CAME
IT SEEMS LIKE THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE IS STUCK IN ETERNAL WINTER
THE LABS ARE ARTIFICIAL ENVIRONMENTS BUT THE ISLAND IS A NATURAL PARADISE
THE TOP ELITES WILL BE TRANSFERRED HERE TO CONTINUE THEIR GENETIC RESEARCH-----
THIS FACILITY IS THE PRIDE AND JOY OF ENDOU CHEMICAL
THEIR GOAL IS TO CREATE AN ENTIRE NEW SPECIES

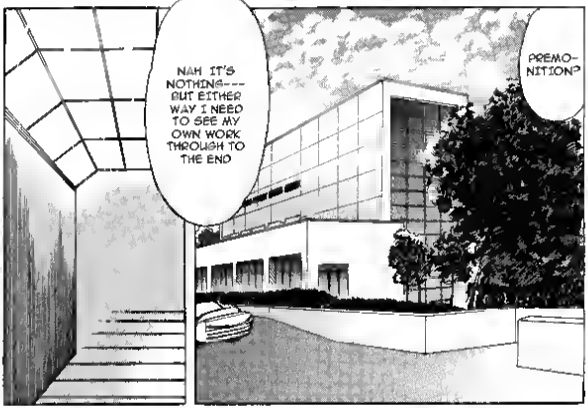
I GUESS WE'VE BOTH MADE IT TO THE PESSIMISTIC PART
MOST HUMANS ARE SNOBS, READY TO TALK ABOUT THEIR IDEALISM FOREVER BUT WE CAN ALL BY BOUGHT BY ENOUGH MONEY OR DESIRE.
DOESN'T IT MAKE DEFEAT A LITTLE BIT SWEETER?
BUT THIS BLUE SKY!! THE BLUE SEA!! ALL THESE COLORFUL FLOWERS!!
I WAS BORN WITH POOR EYES I CAN'T SEE COLOR AND I DEPEND ON THESE SUNGLASSES FOR PHOTOSENSITIVITY
UNFORTUNATELY
WELL THEY SAY IT'S A SMALL WORLD

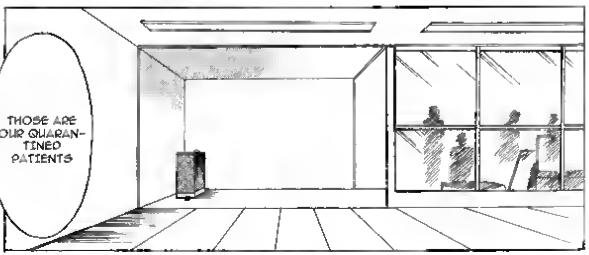

THE LIGHT FROM THIS SUN WOULD NORMALLY BURN MY EYES
I GUESS I SAID SOME-THING STUPID
NAH BY THE WAY PROFESSOR I READ YOUR BOOK THE BOYS IN KYUUSHUU GAVE YOU THAT ARCHIVE DIDN'T THEY? IT'S A BESTSELLER NOW ISN'T IT?
OH STOP

IN SHORT
I CAN'T TELL IF THE PUBLIC IS WISE OR IDIOTIC!!
IT MUST COME OFF TO THE PUBLIC AS SOME KIND OF SCIENCE FICTION FAIRY STORY IT IS BEING BLOWN OFF BY ACADEMICS LIKE IT IS MANGA OR SOME KIND OF MYTH I HAVE NO IDEA IF ANYONE WILL INTERPRET IT ON THE LEVEL INTENDED


NO SMOK-ING
AREN'T YOU FALLING INTO THE SAME TRAP AS DOCTOR TADOKORO?
BUT THE MONEY DOES MAKE IT A HELL OF A LOT EASIER TO TAKE

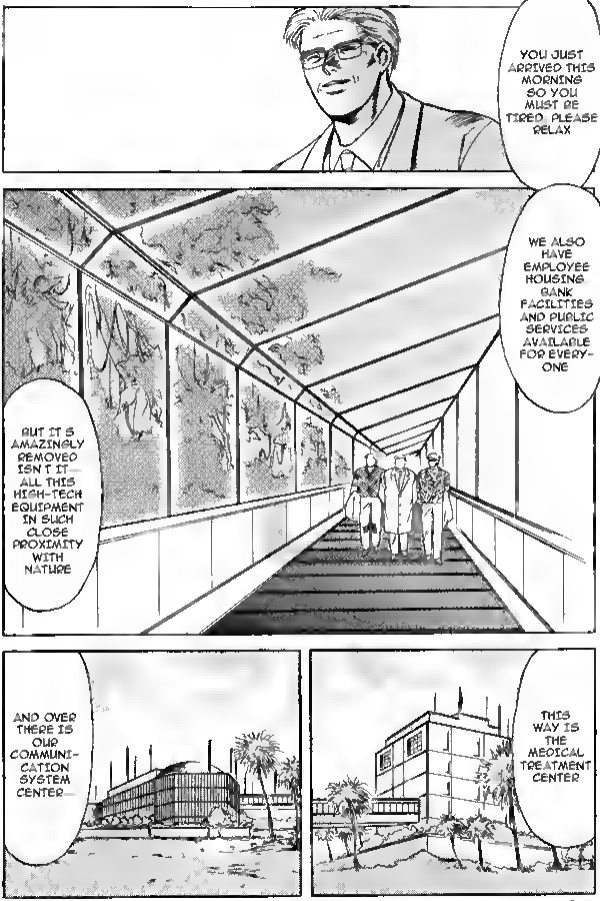
THINGS ARE TURNING OUT LIKE I'D FEARED AFTER ALL...
YEAH
I GUESS THERE'S NO OTHER WAY


NAH IT'S NOTHING--- BUT EITHER WAY I NEED TO SEE MY OWN WORK THROUGH TO THE END
PREMO-NITION?

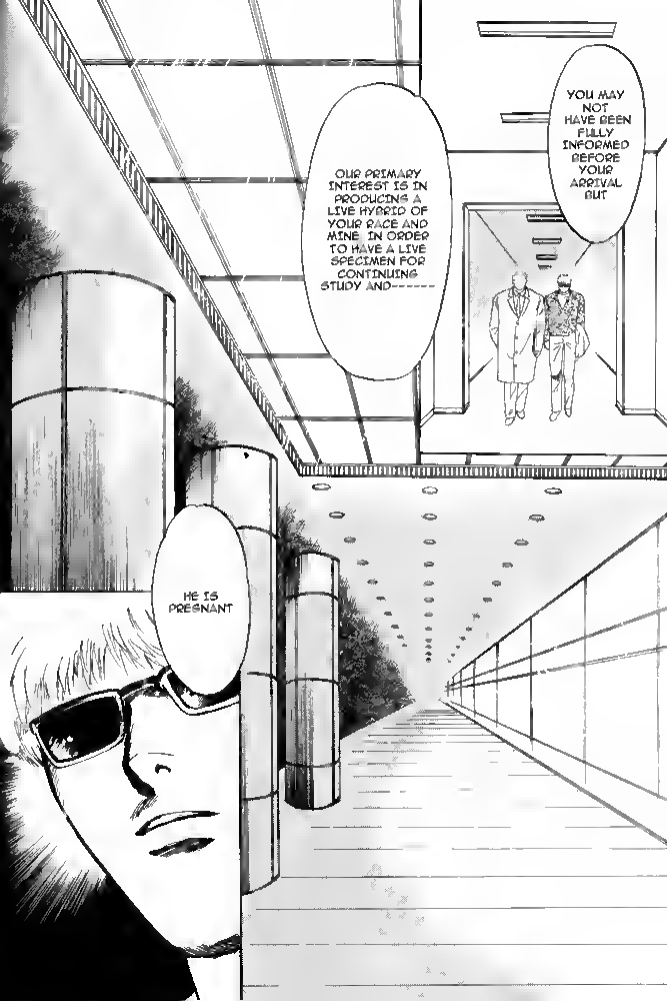

THOSE ARE OUR QUARAN-TINED PATIENTS

THOSE S ARE JUST A FEW. WE HAVE OTHERS--
THE MOST WE CAN DO FOR THEM AT THIS POINT IS REHAB-ILITATION AND DRUG THERAPY
BUT THEY'RE SLOWLY REGAINING THEIR HEALTH AND MUSCLE
I DO HAVE TO THANK DR TADO-KORO
AT THIS RATE THE NORTHERN DINOSAUROID TRIBE MAY SLOWLY RECOVER IN TIME
AND HE HAS MADE A GENEROUS GIFT OF A NEW HOMELAND

HEY YOU'RE LATE YOU TWO!! LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO THE STAFF
THIS IS MY DEAR FRIEND AND RESEARCH COLLEAGUE PROFESSOR HIRATSUKA AKIO AND THE CHIEF OF THE NORTHERN BLOOD SHIRAKAWA AKIRA


YOU JUST ARRIVED THIS MORNING SO YOU MUST BE TIRED. PLEASE RELAX
WE ALSO HAVE EMPLOYEE HOUSING BANK FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR EVERY-ONE
BUT IT S AMAZINGLY REMOVED ISN T IT... ALL THIS HIGH-TECH EQUIPMENT IN SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY WITH NATURE
AND OVER THERE IS OUR COMMUNI-CATION SYSTEM CENTER...
THIS WAY IS THE MEDICAL TREATMENT CENTER

ON THE HILL WE'VE SET UP MOST OF THE PRIVATE RESI-DENCES...
THIS IS THE KEY TO YOUR ROOM. DON'T HESITATE TO REQUEST ANYTHING YOU MIGHT REQUIRE FOR DAILY LIFE
I'LL HAVE YOUR LUGGAGE SENT UP SHORTLY
THANK YOU
SHIRA-KAWA-KUN
PLEASE COME WITH ME


YOU MAY NOT HAVE BEEN FULLY INFORMED BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL BUT
OUR PRIMARY INTEREST IS IN PRODUCING A LIVE HYBRID OF YOUR RACE AND MINE IN ORDER TO HAVE A LIVE SPECIMEN FOR CONTINUING STUDY AND------
HE IS PREGNANT

THIS FAR ALONG IN THE PREGNANCY THE FETUS ISN'T QUITE FAR ENOUGH ALONG TO BE ABLE TO DETERMINE FOR CERTAIN WHETHER THE CHILD'S FATHER IS HUMAN OR DINOSAUROID BUT------
THIS IS THE AYUKAWA FROM THE PICTURE I SAW?
YES. WE KNOW FOR A FACT THAT HE HAS HAD INTERCOURSE WITH TWO MEN--------

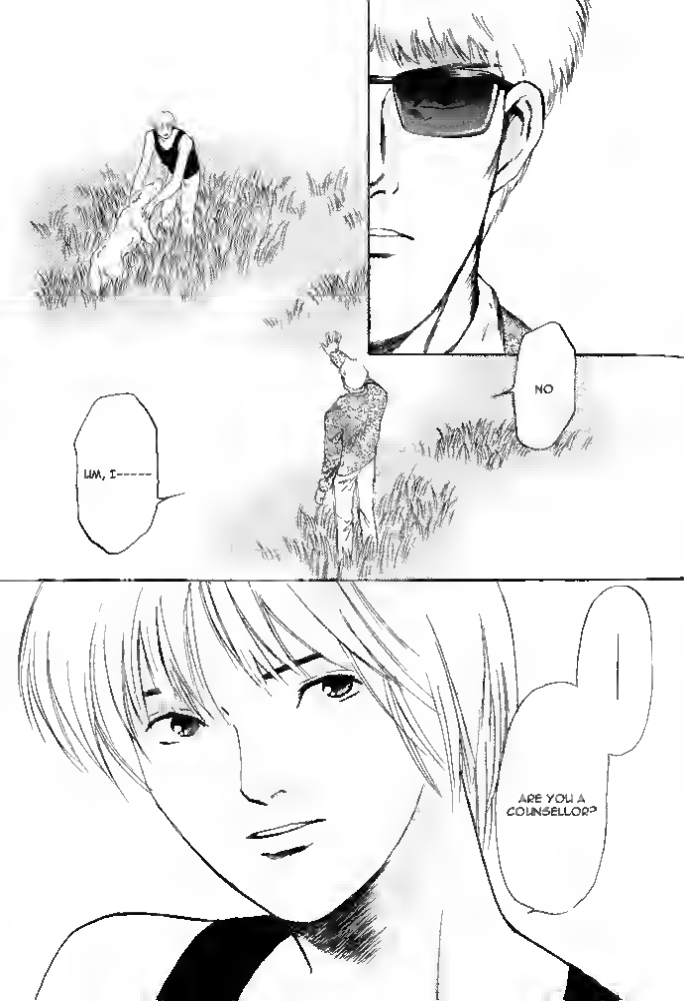
ONE IS ASAGA MINATO THE OTHER A HUMAN MALE WHO ASSAULTED HIM THE CHILD BELONGS TO ONE OR THE OTHER
!?
BUT THE NEXT CHILD WILL BE YOURS

SO, FROM TODAY ON I'M MOVING YOU IN WITH AYUKAWA-KUN

A HOUSE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE MEDICAL TREAMENT FACILITY?
YES, OF COURSE
WE'LL KEEP HIM HERE FOR THE TERM OF HIS PRE-NANCY
HE MAY BE VERY TIMID AT FIRST BUT
I ENTRUST HIM TO YOU
THANK YOU

WHAT A THOROUGH SECURITY SYSTEM
THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE A REGULAR HOUSE THEY CAN WATCH EVERY-THING THAT GOES ON HERE
WHAT
IT ALMOST SEEMS AS THOUGH NO ONE'S LIVING HERE AT ALL
HERE BOY! COME HERE!!

AYUKAWA...?


NO
UM, I-----
ARE YOU A COUNSELLOR?

---BUT
HE DOESN'T SEEM ANYTHING LIKE THE IMPRESSION I'D BEEN GIVEN BEFORE
WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO----?
PLEASE COME TO THE LIVING ROOM
IS THIS REALLY THE HUMAN FROM THAT PICTURE?

SILEEEEEEEEEENCE...
I DO DON'T I?
CERTAINLY HAVE A LOT OF BOOKS HERE DON'T YOU?
UH-- UM YOU--
SILENCE
NO GOOD. CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO TALK ABOUT
SO WHAT DO YOU DO? HERE?

I SLEEP... I WAKE UP...
I READ BOOKS... GROW VEGETABLES IN THE GARDEN... GET REGULAR EXAMS
WHAT DO I DO...
THAT'S ALL
THAT'S ALL?
SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE I'M THE ONLY PERSON LEFT IN THE WORLD
I DON'T HAVE ANY FAMILY OR FRIENDS ANYMORE AND THERE'S NO PHONE

THERE ARE QUITE A LOT OF LEGENDS AND MYTHS HERE AREN'T THERE? DID YOU GET THESE FROM THE DOCTOR?
YES. I GAVE HIM A LIST OF BOOKS I WANTED FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY HE GAVE ME MOST OF THEM------
GEEZ...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME... DO I REALLY CARE TH.T MUCH ABOUT HOW A HUMAN FEELS?

---I LIKE READ-ING MYTHS
BUT THEY RE INTER-ESTING!
BUT DON'T YOU THINK THESE ARE ALL JUST FIGMENTS OF PEOPLE S IMAGINA-TIONS?
THEY REVEAL SO MUCH ABOUT THE CULTURES THAT CREATED THEM--- DAILY LIFE THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE
THE BIRTH OF IDEAS
I FEEL ALMOST AS THOUGH I CAN UNDERSTAND CIVILIZATION FROM THE ROOTS UP---

SOMETIMES I THINK I MAY EVEN... BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE HUMAN SOUL

FROM HERE ON... I'LL BE LIVING HERE WITH YOU
YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT ME
I'M NOT A COUNSELLOR
?
I'M THE DINOSAUROID WHO IS TO BE YOUR HUSBAND...
ANIMAL X ◆END

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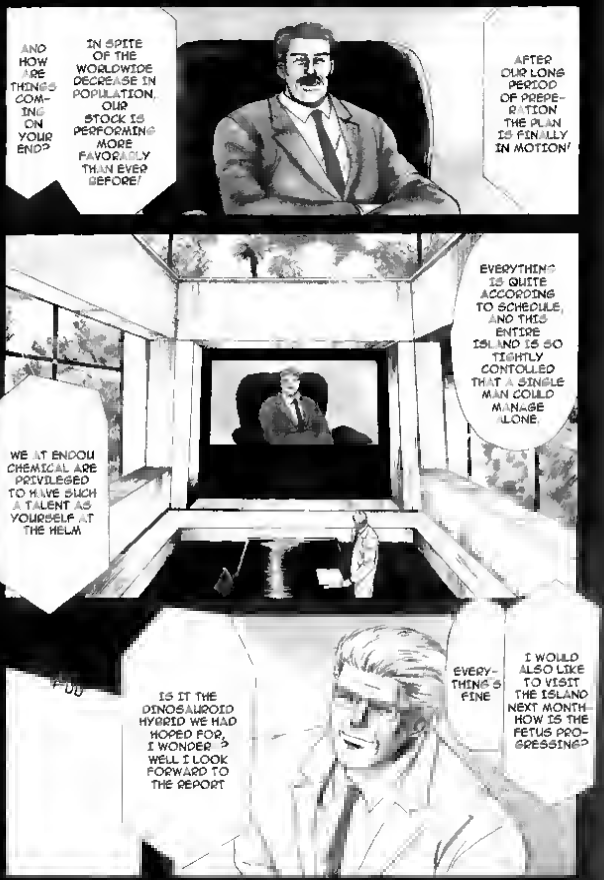
AND HOW ARE THINGS COMING ON YOUR END?
IN SPITE OF THE WORLDWIDE DECREASE IN POPULATION, OUR STOCK IS PERFORMING MORE FAVORABLY THAN EVER BEFORE!
AFTER OUR LONG PERIOD OF PREPERATION THE PLAN IS FINALLY IN MOTION!
EVERYTHING IS QUITE ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE, AND THIS ENTIRE ISLAND IS SO TIGHTLY CONTOLLED THAT A SINGLE MAN COULD MANAGE ALONE.
WE AT ENDOU CHEMICAL ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE SUCH A TALENT AS YOURSELF AT THE HELM
I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT THE ISLAND NEXT MONTH- HOW IS THE FETUS PROGRESSING?
EVERYTHING'S FINE
IS IT THE DINOSAUROID HYBRID WE HAD HOPED FOR, I WONDER...?
WELL I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT

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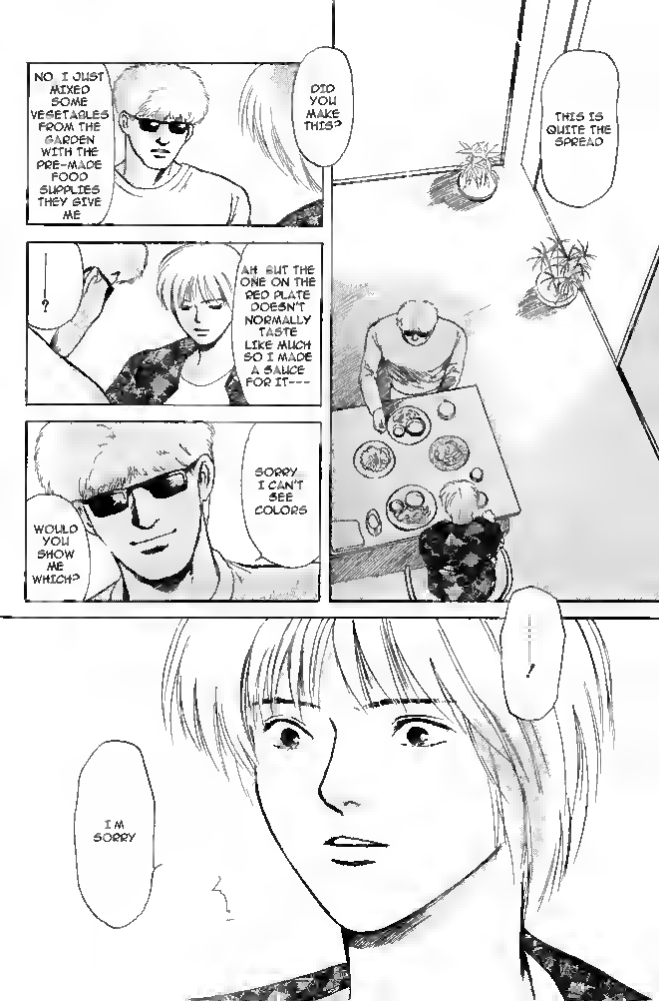
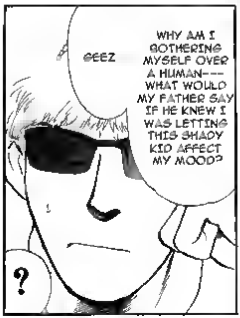
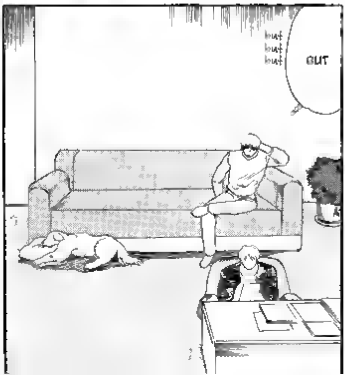
SO THAT'S IT...
I JUST NOTICED THAT HE'S SLEEPING OVER HERE
COULD IT BE BECAUSE I DIDN'T ASK HIM TO SLEEP WITH ME?
I DIDN'T MEAN FOR THAT TO HAPPEN
yawn
IF YOU'D LIKE--- I'LL MAKE SOME BREAKFAST

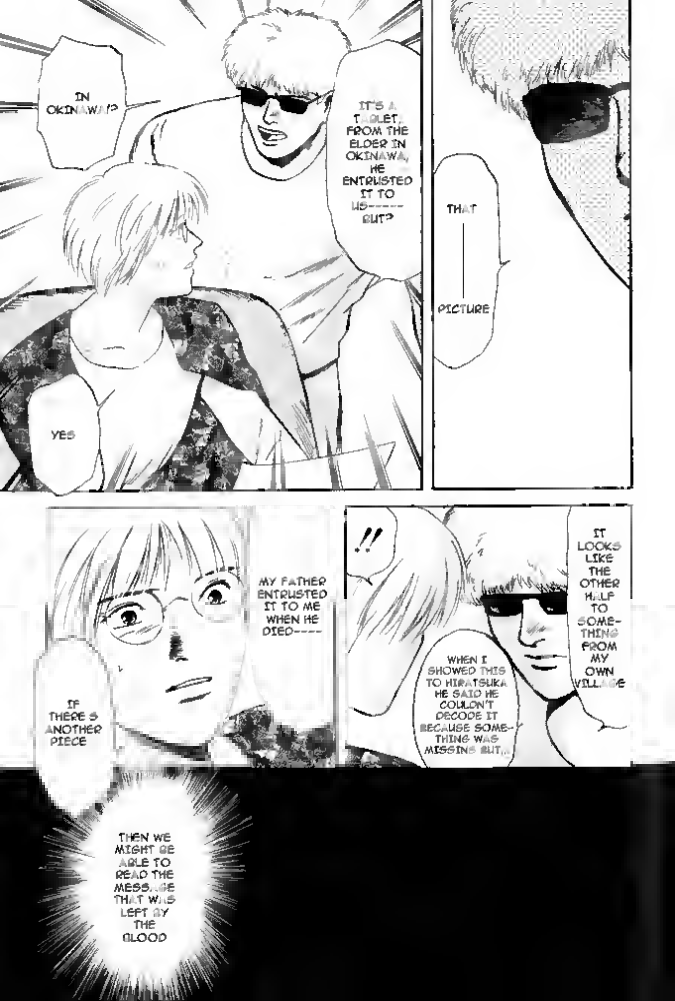

THIS IS QUITE THE SPREAD
DID YOU MAKE THIS?
NO, I JUST MIXED SOME VEGETABLES FROM THE GARDEN WITH THE PRE-MADE FOOD SUPPLIES THEY GIVE ME
?
AH BUT THE ONE ON THE RED PLATE DOESN'T NORMALLY TASTE LIKE MUCH SO I MADE A SAUCE FOR IT---
SORRY I CAN'T SEE COLORS
WOULD YOU SHOW ME WHICH?
!
I'M SORRY

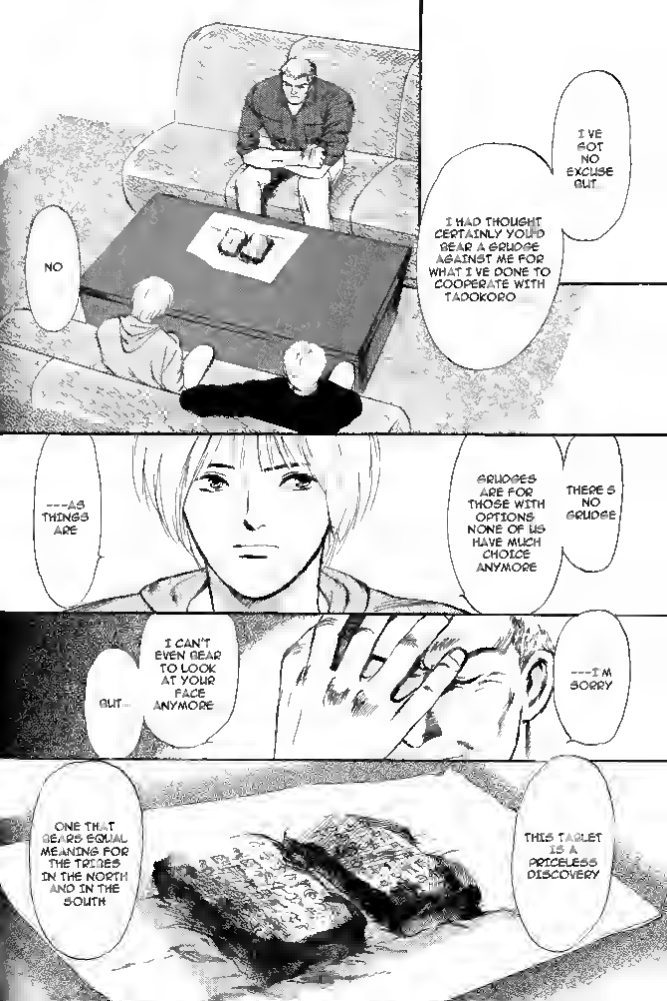
DON'T APOLOGIZE I WAS BORN THIS WAY
BUT
WHEN MY FATHER AND LITTLE SISTER USED TO TELL ME ABOUT COLORS, I'D BE REALLY JEALOUS
I USED TO THINK ABOUT IT--- WHAT DIFFERENT COLORS LOOKED LIKE
THE COLOR OF THE SKY, THE SEA, THE MOUNTAINS--
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
GONE
I'M LIKE YOU
I HAVE NO MORE FAMILY I'M ALONE
BOWBOW
I'M SO SORRY!! I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED SUCH A THING!! I ALWAYS SEEM TO ASK THE WRONG QUESTIONS
N-NO I SAID IT'S NO BIG DEAL
HE-HE'S GOING TO MAKE ME CRAZY
I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE THIS CONSIDERATE
ha ha ha

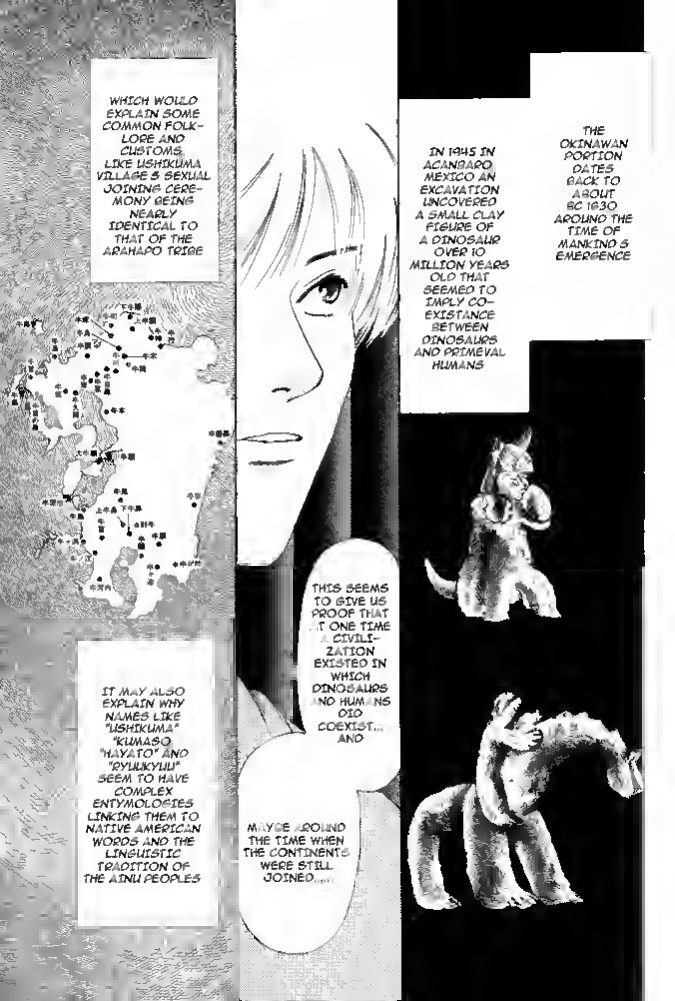
WELL THAT RUINED THE NICE MORNING ATMOSPHERE






IN OKINAWA!?
IT'S A TABLET, FROM THE ELDER IN OKINAWA, HE ENTRUSTED IT TO US----- BUT?
YES
THAT PICTURE
!!
IT LOOKS LIKE THE OTHER HALF TO SOMETHING FROM MY OWN VILLAGE
WHEN I SHOWED THIS TO HIRATSUKA HE SAID HE COULDN'T DECODE IT BECAUSE SOMETHING WAS MISSING BUT...
MY FATHER ENTRUSTED IT TO ME WHEN HE DIED----
IF THERE'S ANOTHER PIECE
THEN WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO READ THE MESS...GE THAT WAS LEFT BY THE BLOOD

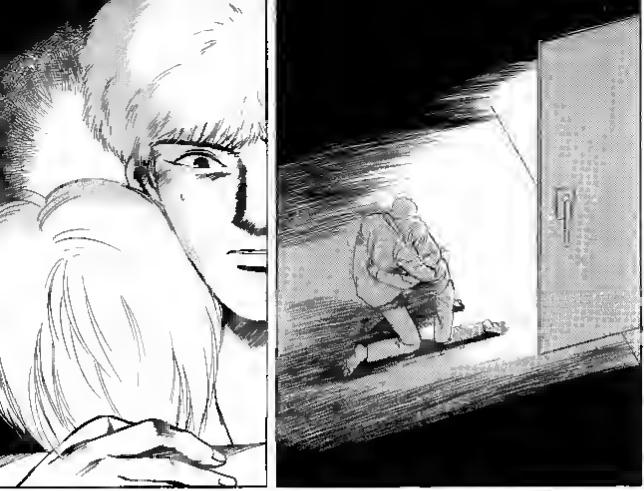

I'VE GOT NO EXCUSE BUT...
I HAD THOUGHT CERTAINLY YOU'D BEAR A GRUDGE AGAINST ME FOR WHAT I'VE DONE TO COOPERATE WITH TADOKORO
NO
---AS THINGS ARE
GRUDGES ARE FOR THOSE WITH OPTIONS NONE OF US HAVE MUCH CHOICE ANYMORE
THERE'S NO GRUDGE
BUT...
I CAN'T EVEN BEAR TO LOOK AT YOUR FACE ANYMORE
---I'M SORRY
ONE THAT BEARS EQUAL MEANING FOR THE TRIBES IN THE NORTH AND IN THE SOUTH
THIS TABLET IS A PRICELESS DISCOVERY


WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN SOME COMMON FOLK-LORE AND CUSTOMS, LIKE USHIKUMA VILLAGE'S SEXUAL JOINING CERE-MONY BEING NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THAT OF THE ARAHAPO TRIBE
IN 1945 IN ACAMBARO, MEXICO AN EXCAVATION UNCOVERED A SMALL CLAY FIGURE OF A DINOSAUR OVER 10 MILLION YEARS OLD THAT SEEMED TO IMPLY CO-EXISTANCE BETWEEN DINOSAURS AND PRIMEVAL HUMANS
THE OKINAWAN PORTION DATES BACK TO ABOUT BC 1630 AROUND THE TIME OF MANKIND'S EMERGENCE
THIS SEEMS TO GIVE US PROOF THAT AT ONE TIME A CIVILI-ZATION EXISTED IN WHICH DINOSAURS AND HUMANS OLD COEXIST... AND
MAYBE AROUND THE TIME WHEN THE CONTINENTS WERE STILL JOINED...
IT MAY ALSO EXPLAIN WHY NAMES LIKE "USHIKUMA" "KUMASO" "HAYATO" AND "RYUKYUU" SEEM TO HAVE COMPLEX ENTYMOLOGIES LINKING THEM TO NATIVE AMERICAN WORDS AND THE LINGUISTIC TRADITION OF THE AINU PEOPLES

SOME-HOW I FEEL LIKE THE ANSWER MIGHT BRING ME CLOSER TO MINATO
LOO-KING BEC-AUSE
THEN AT SOME POINT FOR SOME REASON THE TWO SPECIES MUST HAVE CROSSED. I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THAT POINT
AGE DOESN'T MATTER DOES IT?
WHEN YOU'RE SERIOUS
WAS HE SERI-OUS...? WITH A KID 10 YEARS YOUNGER THAN HIM---
IT JUST HURTS TO SEE HIM LIKE THIS. OF COURSE I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHAT I COME UP WITH ON THE TABLETS

УШЛА!
?

HEY?! CAN YOU BREATHE?!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
I'LL CALL THE MEDICAL CENTER STAFF RIGHT NO---
BUT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL ANYONE!!
I DON'T WANT THEM TO EXAMINE ME AGAIN!!
I'M BEGGING YOU.... I'LL BE FINE I SWEAR!



THIS IS INSANE—
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME—

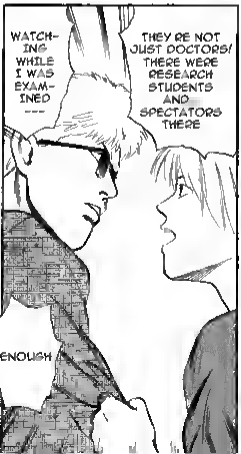
WELL GOOD MORNING YOU TWO
?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING WE'VE COME TO TAKE YOU TO THE MEDICAL CENTER

HE'S IN A DELICATE CONDI-TION!!
HEY STOP IT!!
SO WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE SHIRA-KAWA-KUN?
I DON'T NEED MORE TESTS!
NO!!
CALM DOWN!!
AYUKAWA-KUN IS NOT YOUR EQUAL NOR DOES HE HAVE ANY SAY IN THE MATTER YOU DON'T NEED TO FEEL AS THOUGH YOU NEED PROTECT HIM OR MAKE HIM CARE FOR YOU AT ALL.
PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT OUR PLAN HINGES ON THE HEALTH OF THE CHILD HE CARRIES
WE ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO CONDUCT AN EXAMI-NATION INTO WHAT OCCURRED HERE LAST NIGHT---
YOU SHOULD UNDER-STAND THAT! YOU'RE ALSO BLOOD
HIS WILL IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO ME AS LONG AS THE PLAN IS FULFILLED
YOU'RE FORCING HIM AGAINST HIS WILL?

SATAN

WHAT DID THEY DO?
WHAT DID THEY DO—

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HEY!!


WATCH-ING WHILE I WAS EXAM-INED ---
THEY'RE NOT JUST DOCTORS! THERE WERE RESEARCH STUDENTS AND SPECTATORS THERE
ENOUGH

I'M SORRY IF ONLY I HADN'T CALLED THEM NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED
THAT'S ENOUGH
SHIRA-KAWA-SA...?
I'M SORRY
I DON'T KNOW YET
HMM
THIS IS A GOOD THING ISN'T IT?

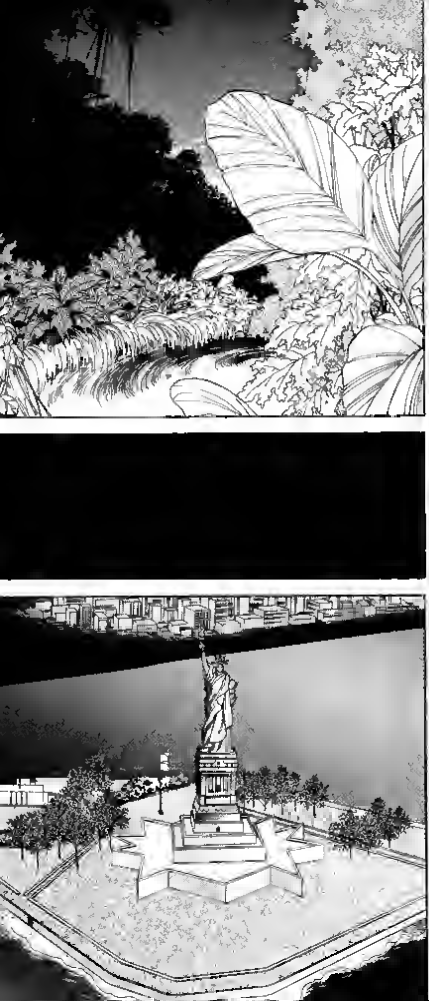
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME!! THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GO OUTSIDE WITHOUT SUPERVISION!!
WELL? HOW DO YOU FEEL?
I THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH A TRY FILLING OUT THE LEAVE APPLICATION----

WOOF!
I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS SUCH A PRETTY PLACE HERE!!
WHAT ARE THOSE BUILDINGS?
THAT'S THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND ACROSS FROM IT IS THE MEDICAL TREATMENT CENTER
AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HOLLOW ---?
THE AIRPORT
---WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ALL THIS INFORMATION?

PREG-
NANT
PLANNING
AN
ESCAPE?
YOU'RE
GETTING
SOME
LITTLE
BREASTS
AREN'T
YOU?
SOME
YING
YANG
ACTION
THERE
!
!!

WE'RE BOTH PRETTY ODD AREN'T WE?
YOU RESISTING?
PLEASE LET GO OF ME!!
FORGET HIM FOR ME
FORGET HIM!! THAT GUY

I'M ALONE AND YOU'RE ALONE
WE'VE BOTH LOST TOO MUCH
BUT IF YOU COULD BE CONTENT WITH ME
I KNOW WE COULD MAKE SOMETHING BETTER TOGETHER...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AFTER LONG YEARS OF DEPRESSION, RAMPANT FAMINE AND DISEASE APPARENTLY THE SUFFERING POPULACE HAS CLASHED VIOLENTLY WITH MILITARY OFFICIALS LEAVING MANY DEAD
THIS IS ST PETERSBURG
YESTERDAY THE PRESIDENT WAS ESCORTED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE FOR HIS OWN SAFETY----
THERE AREN'T ENOUGH BEDS FOR THE SICK— WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR PEOPLE TO DIE AND FREE THEM UP
CITIZENS OF THE TOKYO REGION ARE REACTING BY ATTEMPTING TO LIMIT CONTACT WITH OUTSIDERS--
THIS IS TOKYO!

MUTATION AND SELECTION
IT SEEMS WE'VE HAD A BIT OF SUCCESS AT PLAYING GOD
HOW DID IT GO? THE PROTEIN ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT RESULTS.
THE REPORT JUST CAME IN FROM THE MAIN LAB BUT
I THOUGHT WE COULD USE CLONING AS A SHORTCUT BUT... IT SEEMS AN ARTIFICIAL UTERUS IS DIFFICULT TO REPRODUCE

I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO....
IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A VIABLE CLONE THE SAMPLE WE HAVE NOW IS-----
A LETTER?
FOR MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND-- THEY CENSOR THEM BUT ENOCH CHEMICAL DELIVERS THEM FOR ME ANYWAY.
SHE'S THE ONLY PERSON WHO KNOWS I'M EVEN ALIVE
A GIRL?

BEFORE I MET MINATO WE WERE ENGAGED
SHE WAS ALWAYS A LOT STRONGER THAN ME AND USED TO PROTECT ME
SO SHE'S YOUR ONLY LINK TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD
YES. BUT I CAN'T GO BACK
TO THE WAY IT WAS...

SHIRA-KAWA...
CAN I HOLD YOU?
...BUT
THE SURVEI-LANCE CAMERAS
DON'T MIND THEM... LET THEM WATCH

FORGET IT
FORGET HIM
YOU CAN CAN'T YOU?
HE'S WARM.....
IT'S THE SAME, DINOSAUROID AND HUMAN
SHIRAKAWA-SAN AND MINATO

?
I'M CLUMSY SORRY---
EEH
I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING FOR YOU AND IT'S POINTLESS IF ONLY I ENJOY IT--
---I'M NO GOOD AT THIS AM I?
WHAT WAS IT LIKE WITH THE OTHER TWO?
SO HARD ON YOURSELF...
YOU'RE ALWAYS

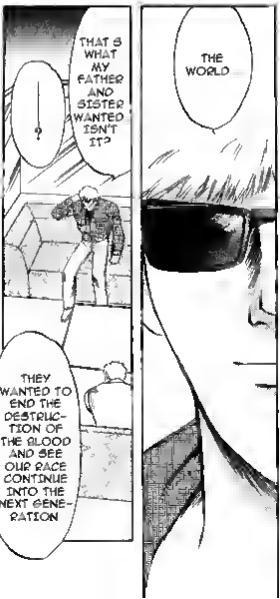
SHIRA-KAWA-SAN?
HOW DO I MEASURE UP?
.....
SORRY
I'LL FIND A WAY TO MAKE YOU HAPPY....
WHY?
YOU'RE BLUNT AREN'T YOU? BECAUSE I LOVE YOU!

A COMPLETE MISCAL-CULATION
BEEP
GEEZ THOSE MISERABLE OLD GEEZERS
LOOK, WE'VE BOTH BEEN NOTHING BUT OBEDIENT SO FAR YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT UP TO ANY TRICKS
WHAT?! TURN OFF THE 24-HOUR CAMERA!!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?! IF YOU DON'T GIVE US SOMETHING TO WORK WITH HERE WHAT WILL WE DO?

NOW KEEP YOUR HEAD ABOUT YOU AND KEEP YOUR EMOTIONS AND ACTIONS SEPERATED. THINK ABOUT THE TECHNOLOGY WE'RE UP AGAINST!
GO SLOWLY MAKE SURE YOU'VE GOTTEN ALL THE HIDDEN CAMERAS TOO

YEAH
THIS IS THE BOOK AYUKAWA-KUN ASKED FOR

----BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU JUST GOING TO STAY HERE AND BURY YOUR HEAD IN BOOKS LIKE THE REST OF THOSE TOURISTS?
WELL FOR THE TIME BEING I HAVE NO INTEREST IN WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS WORLD


THAT'S WHAT MY FATHER AND SISTER WANTED ISN'T IT?
?
THEY WANTED TO END THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BLOOD AND SEE OUR RACE CONTINUE INTO THE NEXT GENERATION
THE WORLD

WHAT WE WANTED WAS A NEW WORLD IN WHICH WE COULD LIVE...

WELL? DID YOU MAKE ANY PROGRESS ON THE TABLETS?
YEAH, I'M FINALLY GETTING SOMEWHERE BUT----

GACHA
THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IS HERE AND
ACROSS FROM THAT THE MEDICAL
HOW ARE YOU FEELING? NOTHING STRANGE TODAY?
SHIRAKAWA-SAN? THAT BAG----
IT'S A BOOK. HIROTSUKA ASKED ME TO GIVE IT TO YOU
AND THE FERTILIZER YOU WANTED!!
AAH, THANK YOU.
AND THEN THERE'S THIS

IT'S A HUMAN CUSTOM ISN'T IT?
IT'S NOT MUCH BUT IF YOU LIKE IT PLEASE WEAR IT
I'M SO HAPPY!
THANK YOU!
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU
YOUR HANDS ARE ROUGH AREN'T THEY? BUT THEY SUIT YOU
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE?
LET'S HAVE SOME LUNCH

I WANT TO BE FREE...
FREE-DOM
IF YOU LEAVE THIS PLACE HOW WILL YOU GIVE BIRTH?
I'LL MANAGE ALONE SOMEHOW
DON'T BE FOOLISH! THE OUTSIDE IS CRAWLING WITH X SYNDROME
HOW ABOUT THE VACCINE? THERE IS ONE ISN'T THERE?
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY...
AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO BIND YOU TO ME... BUT
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS FEELING IS REAL

BUT I GUESS THIS DAY S FINALLY COME
I DON'T BELIEVE IT

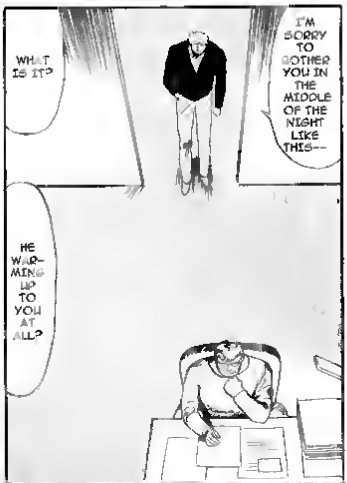
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS!!
WHAT A WEAK STATEMENT! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU AT ALL YUNAGI-SAWA-SAN!
THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT HALF AS MANY LIGHTS IN THIS CITY AS THERE WERE
ARE THEY PEOPLE LEAVING THIS AREA OR ARE THEY LEAVING BECAUSE OF THE TRAVEL PROHIBITION THAT WILL SOON GO INTO ACTION?
THE AIR HERE IS WONDERFUL BUT IT FEELS SO STRANGE SEEING THIS. I WONDER IF THERE REALLY IS A SAFE PLACE FOR HUMANS ANYMORE
.....
STILL HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT GUY?
IF ONLY I COULD MEET HIM AGAIN...
IF ONLY WE BOTH LIVE THROUGH THIS AND MEET AGAIN YUUCHAN
I'LL TELL YOU DIRECTLY NOT THROUGH A LETTER

YUUJI

IF ONLY THAT WERE SO. I KNOW I COULD GET MY PERFECT CONFIDENCE BACK AGAIN

YOU WERE CALLING OUT HIS NAME
WHY CAN'T YOU FORGET HIM?
WHAT IF I BECOME EVEN MORE TO YOU THAN HE EVER WAS?
MIN-ATO
SAID THAT HE WOULD NEVER FORGET ME
SO I CAN'T FORGET HIM EITHER

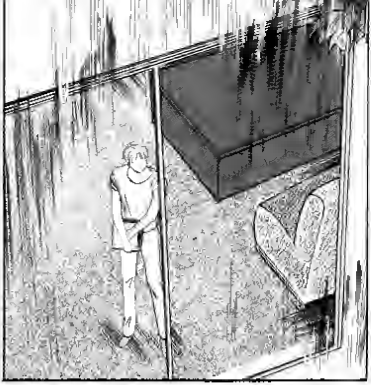
I WON'T FORGET HIM
ALL MY LIFE!!


I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT LIKE THIS--
WHAT IS IT?
HE WARMING UP TO YOU AT ALL?

WELL, AT LEAST YUUJI ISN'T IGNORING ME ANYMORE
GEEZ
!?
I CAN READ IT!! THIS TABLET!
IT WAS A PAIN IN THE NECK, BUT INTERESTING
MOST LIKELY, BEFORE HUMANS AND THE BLOOD SPLIT PATHS---- THIS WAS THE BACKBONE OF THEIR BELIEFS
IT'S AN ACCOUNT OF THE RETURN TO CREATION...

NII-SAN, I'M
NO LONGER... AFRAID OF ANYTHING
AND I'M NO LONGER AFRAID TO LIVE
OF LOSING OR GAINING

TO DIE



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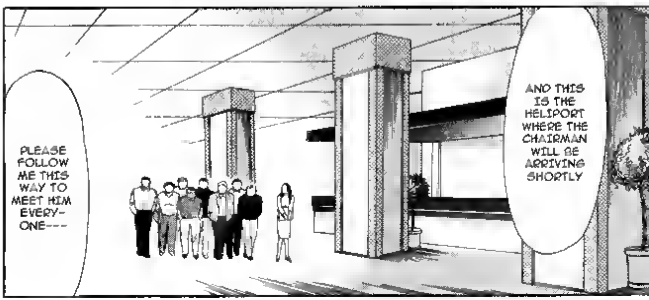
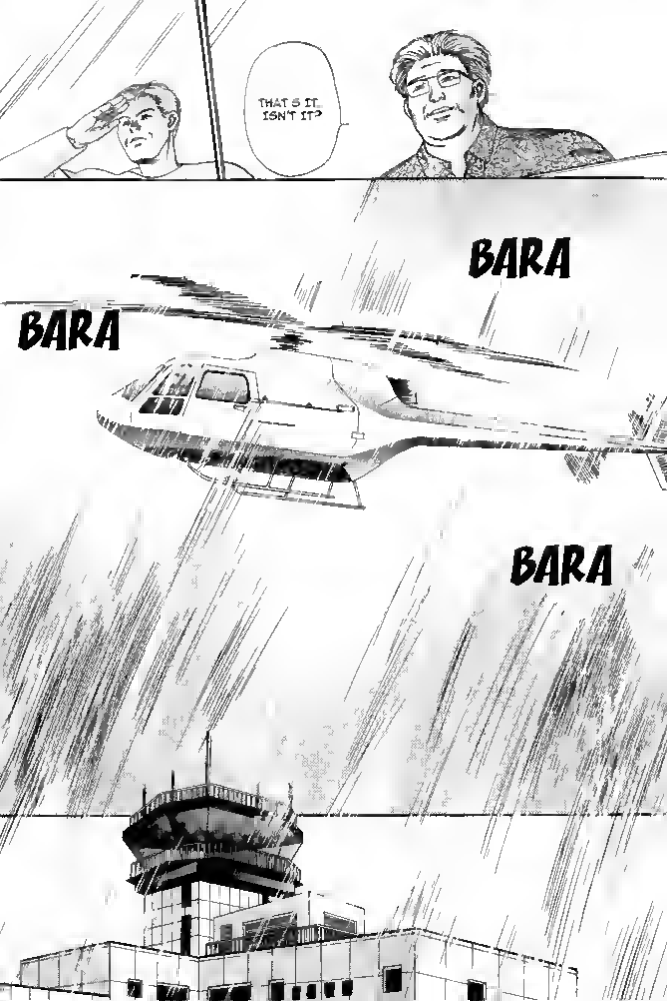

PLEASE FOLLOW ME THIS WAY TO MEET HIM EVERY-ONE---
AND THIS IS THE HELIPORT WHERE THE CHAIRMAN WILL BE ARRIVING SHORTLY


THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT?
BARA
BARA
BARA

ALL EMPLOYEES REPORT QUICKLY TO THEIR POSTS!
EMERGENCY ALERT! EMERGENCY ALERT!
WHAT THE HELL!! WHAT HAPPENED?!
S-SOMETHING ON THE HELIPORT!

SLICE!
SOME-
THING S
HAPPENED
ON THE
HELIPORT!!
NO
RESPONSE
FROM THE
CONTROL
TOWER!!
SEND OUT
THE GUARDS!!
MAKE SURE
WE GET THE
CHAIRMAN
TO S..FETY!!

WE'VE GOT TO SECURE THE EXPERIMENT!!
HURRY
WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY SECURITY CAMERA FEED SINCE BEFORE THE INCIDENT!
WHERE COULD HE BE HIDING
JUMP!!
DON'T MOVE!
TAKE ME TO THE CULTIVATION ROOM OF THE MEDICAL TREATMENT CENTER!!

WHAT'S HAPPENED?
WE'RE STILL NOT ENTIRELY SURE BUT, SOMETHING'S STOPPED THE SOLAR POWER SYSTEM
WE'VE SWITCHED TO THE RESERVE SUPPLY FOR THE TIME BEING BUT IT SEEMS WE HAVE A VISITOR
.....IT CAN'T BE!!
SFX: KABOOM
THIS SEEMS TO BE AN ACT OF INTERNAL TERRORISM
THE WEAPONS-STORAGE FACILITY HAS BEEN DESTROYED!!
?

WAHAHAHA
HAHAHAA
W-WHO WHO S THAT!?
I THOUGHT I MADE IT CLEAR BEFORE
BUT I'M HERE TO DO HELL OF A LOT MORE THAN LAUGH IN YOUR SORRY FACES

LEAP!
IT'S YOUR OLD FRIEND ASAGA MINATO!!
Ahhh
X SYNDROME IS AN ARTIFICIALLY MANUFACTURED PLAGUE--- IF THAT'S SO THEN
THERE MUST BE A VACCINE THAT CAN STOP IT! THERE IS, ISN'T THERE?!
I DON'T KNOW!

BYUU
GOO
ZAA
KICK

I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS. COME WITH ME
GIVE ME THE VACCINE!!
SHIRA-KAWA-SAN
!
WHY ARE YOU HELPING ME?
CAUSE I'M GETTING YOU OUT OF HERE!
JUST ONE OF THESE CARRIES ENOUGH TO TREAT 50,000 PEOPLE
FROM HERE ON, IT'S UP TO YOU!

YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU WANTED YOUR FREEDOM
WHY ARE YOU——?
BUT WHY?
AND
ANYONE WOULD—— IT HURTS TO SEE YOU IN SO MUCH PAIN.
THANK YOU!!
SHIRA-KAWA-SAN!!
TO THE HELIPORT!!
HURRY UP!!

MEN DON'T CRY...
GEEZ
CLACK
CLACK
STOP RIGHT THERE AYUKAWA-KUN!!

MY MY MY YOU HAVE NO COMMON SENSE AT ALL!

NOW DROP THE WEAPON
YOU ARE TO BE THE WIFE OF THE MEN ON THIS ISLAND WHAT ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS?
THE HUMAN CALLED "AYUKAWA YUUJI" NO LONGER EXISTS!
YOU ARE MY CREATION
YOU BELONG TO ME!
SURRENDER!!

SFX GAA
TADOKORO!
SFX KICK

MINA ?
MINATO?
PURR
PURR
YO!
WHA-WHAT?! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE COMMUNICATION CENTER, THE MEDICAL CENTER AND THE CONTROL SYSTEMS HAVE ALL BEEN DESTROYED----
WH-WHERE IS DOCTOR TADOKORO?!

WHAT A FUSS HE'S CAUSED
THESE WERE MADE BY DINO-SAUROID CLAWS
HIS PULSE IS WEAK
HE'S LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD
SLAM!!
TWITCH
!
FUNNY ISN'T IT?

I'M ALSO ONE OF THEM*
*<T/N>THE BLOOD
hurry up and untie me!!
WE'VE FOUND THE CHAIRMAN ON THE HELIPORT!! HE'S SAFE!!
BUT THE INTRUDER HAS DESTROYED ALL OF THE OTHER HELICOPTERS AND FLOWN OFF IN OURS!!
THE LEVEL OF DEST-RUCTION IS TOO MUCH TO PURSUE THEM-----
ONE WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO TRANS-FORM
OR THE ABILITY TO RE-PRODUCE

I WAS A DINO-E.UR LIVING AMONG HUMANS
A DIS-APPOINT-MENT TO BOTH RACES, UNACCEP-TABLE ANYWHERE OUT HERE---
BUT OUR PLAN... TO UNITE THE SPECIES OF HUMANS AND DINOS.AUROIDS IN THEIR COMMON DESTINY
IT WILL NOT END HERE WITH ME
THE PROPHECY AND THE ELDER'S ARCHIVES ALL ACKNOWLEDGE THIS GOAL AS INAVOIDABLE ITS ROOTS RUN DEEP
I SEE YOUR PLAN WAS CERTAINLY WELL-PLOTTED AND CLEVERLY EXECUTED...
BUT YOUR REASONING IS FLAWED
----BUT SOME DAY
I WAS SO CLOSE TO ACHIEVING IT

FOR SO LONG I STROVE TO HOLD THE VERY WORLD IN MY GRASP AND IN ONE MOMENT I FIND MYSELF HERE EMPTY-HANDED
AND I KNOW MY OWN FOOLISHNESS AND MY OWN WEAKNESS
NOW THERE IS NOTHING LEFT AT ALL IN THESE HANDS
.....
I ALWAYS KNEW THAT KID COULD KILL YOU---- BUT HE NEVER DID
MAYBE THAT'S WORTH THINKING ABOUT TOO

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!!! THE ULTIMATE OUTDOOR SURVIVAL LIFESTYLE!!
ALL THE HIGH-TECH SYSTEMS ARE SHOT LOOKS LIKE IT'S ROBINSON CARUSO FROM HERE ON IN!
UH.. SORRY?
THAT GUN WAS FROM YOU, WASN'T IT---?
.....NAH
GEEZ--- AND THIS IS THE THANKS I GET...

YOU ARE ALIVE!!
COURSE I AM--- I'M PRETTY HARD TO KILL!!
MINATO... YOUR EYE ...AND YOUR RIGHT ARM?
WELL, THERE WAS FIRE AND POISON TO DEAL WITH

MIN-
ATO
COUL-
DN'T
BE
HELPED
SHE WAS
TOUGH...
THAT LADY

HEY!!
QUIT THAT FLIRTING!!
THINK ABOUT WHO YOU OWE YOUR MISERABLE LITTLE LIVES RIGHT NOW!!
HIGA-SAN!!
SHADDUP ---!!
let's give him a better view!
THIS IS A REUNION HERE!! I'VE FINALLY FOUND YUUJI AGAIN!!
AND IF IT WASN'T FOR THOSE GUYS IN KYUUSHUU RADIOING ME YOUR ASS WOULD STILL BE IN THAT TURNED-OUT FACTORY, WOULDN'T IT?!
THEN QUIT STARING-- TURN AROUND AND GIVE US SOME PRIVACY
YOU LITTLE ------!!
NOW LET'S SNUGGLE
MINATO...

THERE IS A BABY
I'M PREG-NANT
WHAT?! WE DID IT?!
SHOCK
BU-BUT I DON'T KNOW WHOSE BABY IT IS YET!!
WHAT IF IT'S
WELL YOU'RE HAVING IT AREN'T YOU?
IT'S YOUR BABY ISN'T IT---?
NOTHING MATTERS TO ME BUT THAT
BUT

I'M SCARED I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT CHILDBIRTH AND ALL
YOU'RE SCARED? BUT YOU'RE NOT EVEN AFRAID OF DINOSAUROIDS!
WHATEVER HAPPENS I'LL BE RIGHT THERE WITH YOU
MINATO
STILL SCARED?
YOU'RE NOT SCARED ARE YOU?
ARE YOU?
I ALWAYS
BELIEVED THAT YOU WERE ALIVE AND WE WOULD MEET AGAIN

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? ------ AT THE TIME NONE OF US REALLY KNEW
MAYBE IT S ALREADY TOO LATE FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD

NOTHING AT ALL...
I'VE NEVER HAD ANY OF MY PRAYERS GRANTED BEFORE...
THERE'S SO MUCH OUT THERE... HATRED BETRAYAL
WE'VE SHARED SO MUCH AND CARRY SO MANY SCARS BETWEEN US
BUT ABOVE ALL ELSE I KNOW THIS. OF EVERYONE IN THIS WORLD, HE LOVED ME
FOR WHATEVER REASON...
NOTHING...
WHATCHA THINKIN?

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See you next time!
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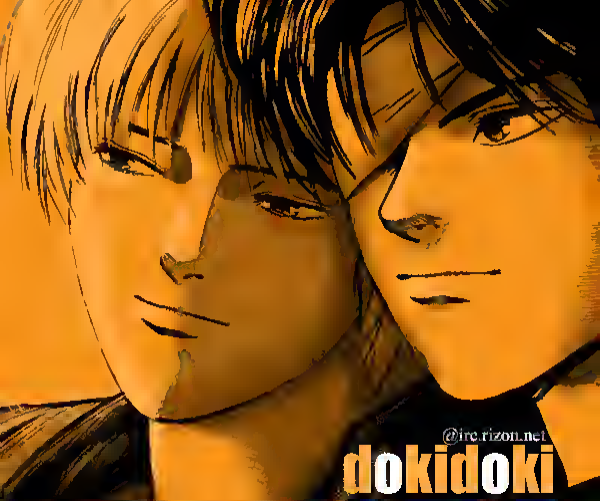
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